

GAMBLING IN SALOONS AND POOL ROOMS OF EL PASO

LOTTERIES IN THE CIGAR STORES

Trade Checks Issued in One Saloon in Defiance of the United States Law.

SLOT-MACHINE IS RUNNING IN PLACE

Saloon Man Issues Trade Checks to Those Who Win on the Machine.

The statutes of Texas declare that gambling is punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The statutes of Texas also prohibit the operation of any gambling device in any saloon. The punishment is a fine or imprisonment.

The laws of Texas recognize a slot machine as a gambling device.

The statutes of the United States declare that nobody shall manufacture or circulate anything that takes the place of money and it has been construed that trade checks are in violation of this provision for the protection of the coinage of the country.

Notwithstanding this, there is at least one gambling device in operation in an El Paso saloon. A slot machine is working on the bar in the Hub saloon, 211 South El Paso street. Two Herald representatives visited the saloon and gambled Monday afternoon just to make sure that the machine is a real gambling machine. One man got "two pairs" on the machine for his nickel and got two trade checks, which he exchanged for two of Joe's cigars—the place is better known as Joe's than it is as the Hub—and the second man got five checks on his seventh roll—five cents a roll—and kept them. The grand jury, the county attorney, the sheriff, the chief of police, or the assistant U. S. district attorney may see them at The Herald office.

Many Kinds of Gambling.
This is not the only gambling that is going on in El Paso. There is gambling—side bets—on pool games in the city, and it is said that poker games are going on in the city, too. These are very quiet affairs, however, but Joe's slot machine and the gambling games in the pool rooms are open to anybody. So are the lotteries in the cigar stores. The chief of police and sheriff appear not to have seen them. The opening is large for the incoming sheriff Peyton Edwards. He will have to look out for his chances in the world to prove that he is for law enforcement. There is considerable of it to enforce in El Paso.

Other Law Violations.
In the pool rooms, there are several kinds of pool games where the players play for money. Boys are allowed to frequent these places and in many of them drinks are served from connecting saloons. Many of them are connected with saloons by a door, some merely having a partition not peeling high between them and the bar, a weak attempt at evasion of the law of the state which forbids the operation of billiard or pool tables in a saloon. The law has been construed as meaning that connecting doors do not make them separate places. The same law forbids the operation of musical instruments or the keeping of a musical instrument in a saloon. It also prohibits lewd pictures. A machine with semi-lewd or lewd pictures and another that renders musical selections will no doubt come under this provision. If so, there are two of them in the Poodle Dog saloon on San Antonio street. One of them has 48 pictures in it—five cents to see 12—and the other has some pictures and music in it.

Cigar Stores and Lotteries.
Nearly all the cigar stores in town have lottery devices. These, too, are forbidden by the state law. The attorney general has ruled that even a

church raffle is against the law, but at almost any cigar store in town—if there are any exceptions they are mighty few—it is possible to pay your nickel or dime and pull up a little slip of paper and see if you can't win something. You may get one cigar and you may get nothing—some may have no blanks; most of them have blanks—and you may get several cigars, some of the stores providing for as many as 25 cigars to the luckiest winner.

Pipe Raffles.
In other cigar stores they have pipes for raffle—meerschaum pipes—and on these, chances are sold in the old way—just as gamblers have always raffled watches and pianos and automobiles until the new state law said to them nay. You pull a number and pay the price of the number. It is so figured out that the entire amount called for on all the numbers will pay for the pipe—and leave a margin for the proprietor of the cigar stand. Sometimes a throw of the dice—again this is gambling—or the drawing of a number from a hat or some such arrangement as this—also settles the ownership of the pipe. Nearly every cigar store in town has conducted one of these pipe raffles; many have them on now.

All of these are conducted where boys can take chances on them if they wish, just as the gambling and the drinking in the pool halls are carried on under the noses of boys who go to school in the daytime and visit these places at night.

Playing Joe's Slot Machine.

The visits of the Herald men to Joe's saloon on South El Paso street were made Monday afternoon. There on the bar were two little machines for playing for "trade checks" checks that Uncle Sam's law prohibits. One of them was just the ordinary little slot machine with the decks of cards in

it such as used to be seen on every bar and cigar counter in town. You drop in a nickel and if you get two pairs you get two cigars. If you score a pair—jacks or better—you get one cigar. Full houses, straight flushes, etc., all pay considerably more—the sign tells you all about it. The first Herald man in the place played a nickel and got a pair of fours and a pair of sixes, the very first time. Then he got two of the trade checks. On one side they read like this: "Hub Bar. By Joe, 411 South El Paso street." On the other side they say: "Good for cigar or drink." To see if they were really accepted in place of money The Herald man offered the two checks for cigars and he got two out of a box with Joe's name on them—evidently made especially for Joe. He left. Then another Herald man went in and played the same little machine. He lost 30 cents. Then he put in the seventh nickel and, lo, luck was with him. He drew five checks and got the checks. He still has them.

The two Herald men had spent 40 cents and had got checks for 35 cents in trade—the house was ahead five cents.

The Other Little Machine is One in Which After a Nickel is Dropped in, You Press a Lever and Spin a Wheel.

When the wheel stops, it announces the number of cigars—if you win. If you don't win, it doesn't do any announcing.

Poodle Dog's "Slot Machine."

At the Poodle Dog saloon there were no machines for winning money or drink checks or even cigars, but there were two picture machines and one contains a musical instrument which the sign law says shall not be in saloons. The big machine shows pictures. The sign is there to rouse curiosity, but it is liable to be a bit misleading, for the pictures are not much naughtier

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Silent Tragedy Is Making a Close of Great Novelist's Life.

LAST SACRAMENT GIVEN TO COUNTESS

Tula, Russia, Nov. 15.—The condition of both count Leo Tolstoy and the countess is reported today to be critical. The count appears to be succumbing to fever brought on by mental distress and exposure incident to his voluntary exile from home, while his devoted wife is suffering from a broken heart. The mind of the great Russian scarcely could have conceived of a more tragic ending of two lives which have been intertwined for half a century while attempting yesterday to continue his pilgrimage to the monastery at Shamardin in the Caucasus, where he had hoped to spend his last days in the Tolstoy estate on the shores of the Black sea.

Lies Dying in a Hut.
Tolstoy lies in a miserable hut at a railroad flag station of Astapova, to which he was removed from the train, when his physician and companion, Dr. Makovsky, realized that a continuance of the journey would result in death. Today the condition of the aged man is most serious.

On the Tolstoy estate at Yasnaya Polyana, the countess today received the last sacrament. When her husband disappeared Thursday she twice attempted suicide. Since then she has not touched food and she is prostrated mentally and physically.

Daughter Is His Nurse.
Tolstoy's daughter, Alexandra, is acting as his nurse. Telegraphic reports of his condition are far from favorable. Indeed, they are considered extremely pessimistic. His temperature is 104, indicating probably a serious

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Williams, However, Establishes Alibi and Swears His Innocence.

HE LOOKS WITHOUT WAVERING ON DEAD

Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 15.—Following threats by a mob to lynch Thomas Williams, a negro suspected of the murder of 9-year-old Marie Smith, the prisoner was removed early today from the local jail to the county jail at Freehold. The mob has been scattered and streets are comparatively clear. Williams denies all knowledge of the crime and from official sources it is learned that he had apparently established a good alibi.

Many persons are inclined to think the man a victim of circumstances. The child's mother is still in a serious condition from grief and shock.

Swears Innocence.
In an attempt to write a confession from the prisoner the child's body was brought into the jail corridor. The negro was led forth and halted beside it.

"I swear to God I did not harm the girl. I had nothing to do with it," he said firmly.

"Get down and look into her eyes and say that," he was commanded.

Williams leaned forward until he was gazing straight into the dead eyes. His gaze did not waver, and he exclaimed: "God is my witness that I did not kill this girl. I did not touch her. I did not harm her. I do not know who did."

Again and again he repeated this, while his hand lay on the body. Then he added: "I thank God I can say I did not do it. I am sorry for her family."

Late last night when a newspaper automobile came dashing down the street and stopped in front of the jail door, the crowd jumped to the conclusion that Williams was to be brought out and whisked away to a safe place.

With a yell the crowd surged forward, but the police with clubs drove the rioters back. In the struggle the police captured a sledge hammer and several crowbars.

Chief Pleads With Mob.
Chief Smith went out and pleaded with the men as peaceful citizens to go home. He told them Williams was only held as a suspect and that there was no positive evidence against him. The crowd jeered, but tried nothing more serious.

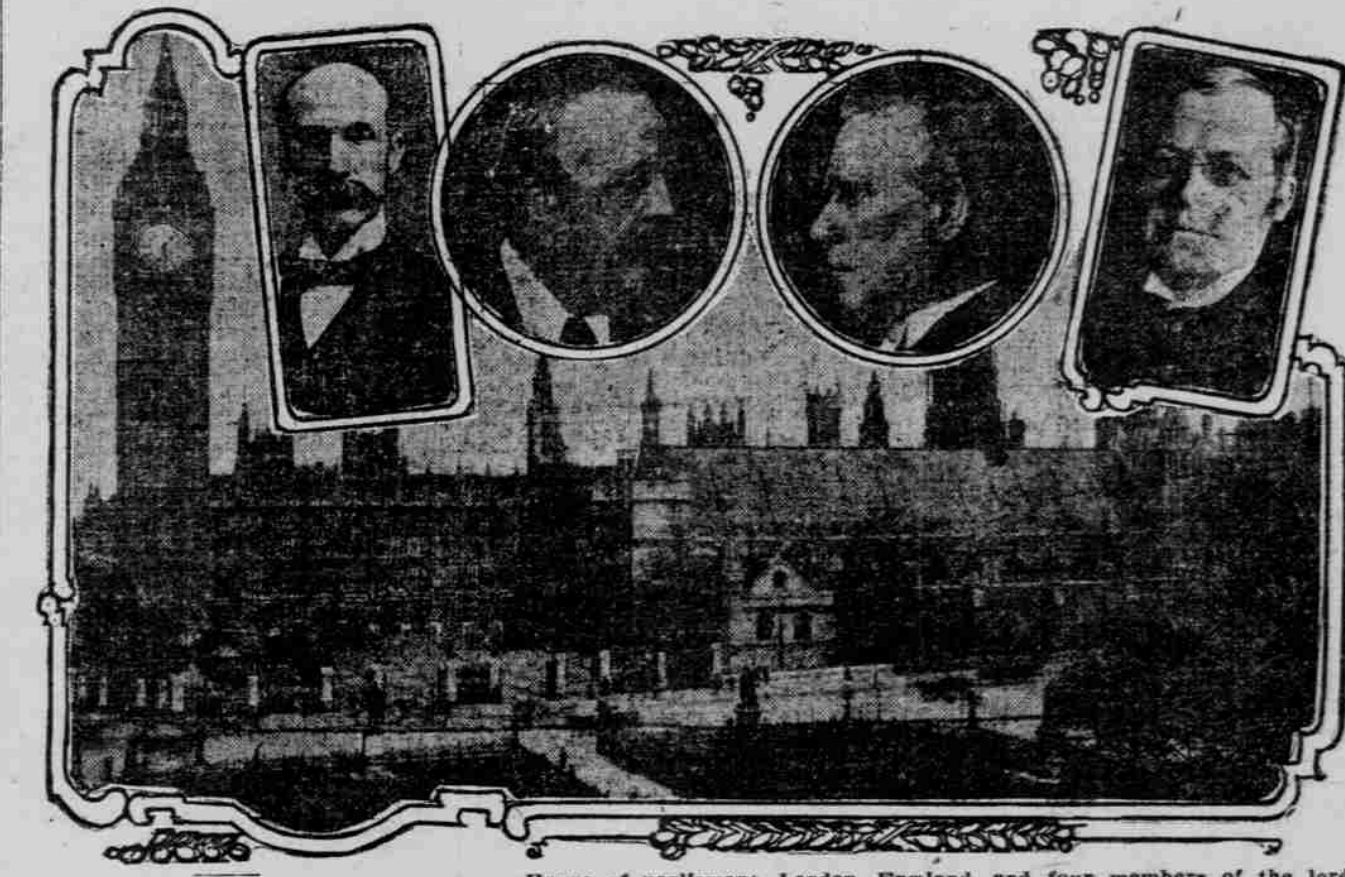
The Asbury Park common council has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

ANOTHER WOMAN ASSAULTED.
Woodbury, N. J., Nov. 15.—Captured by a posse which had scoured the countryside for 26 hours, Poland Black, a young negro farm hand, is accused of an attempted attack upon Miss Letitia Nutt. He was taken to the county jail here before excited residents could form a mob and is held without bail, pending examination.

Miss Nutt, who is 20 years old, was traversing a lonely section accompanied only by her sister, Margaret, when a negro seized her. By struggling, both she and her sister succeeded in releasing themselves from him.

ROBIN COOPER ACQUITTED
OF THE MURDER OF CARMACK.
Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15.—Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of United States senator E. W. Carmack, has been found not guilty. His father was convicted and then pardoned by governor Patterson in half an hour after the verdict was affirmed.

Great Britain Faces Political Crisis



Lower House Is Deadlocked With the Lords and Election Is Possible.

London, Eng., Nov. 15.—With the advent of the new year it is expected that England will be plunged into the turmoil of another election. At least these are the present indications.

Parliament reassembled today, but the political crisis is delayed until tomorrow. By that time premier Asquith will have seen king George and laid before him the decision reached by the cabinet at today's session. The cabinet is believed to be divided on the question of asking the house of lords to accept or reject the veto resolutions before the dissolution of parliament.

Parliament adjourned until Friday, thus postponing the inevitable crisis over the government's plans.

The question of limiting the veto power of the house of lords, if not abolishing that body altogether, is one of the gravest problems that the government has ever had to deal with. The trouble started a year ago, when that aristocratic body rejected Lloyd George's radical budget which had been passed through the house of commons. This resulted in the dissolution of parliament, and precipitated a general election, which was held the first part of this year.

Irish As Dictators.
The voters endorsed the budget and returned the Liberal party to power, but with such a small majority that the government had to depend on the help of Irish members to carry through this program. This placed the Irish party in a position to demand a make of diplomatic channels. The telegram itself, which probably was received by all jefe politicians in Mexico, in an effort to appease any excitement among the Mexicans is translated as follows:

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House of parliament, London, England, and four members of the lords' veto conference committee. Beginning at the left are: Lord Lansdowne and Arthur Balfour, prominent members representing the opposition, and premier Asquith and Hon. A. Binnell, representing the government.

Sends Messages Everywhere Assuring Them of Good Will of the Americans.

President Diaz is apparently doing all he can to prevent any further anti-American riots in Mexico.

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PRICE DROPS MANY PLACES ON MEATS

Attributed to the Large Crop of Corn and Its Cheap Price; Not Politics.

SALTED MEATS ARE UNCHANGED

All Big Centers Report Decline in Price of Fresh Meats, However.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Reports from various parts of the country indicating a fall in the prices of meats are reflected by similar reports from local dealers. One of the leading dealers said sirloin steak is now selling at 22 cents, a decline of 2 cents, and porterhouse is off 3 cents. Fresh pork products are off 4 cents. Roasts are selling at 13 cents. Market men attribute the relief from high prices to the enormous corn crop and consequent low price of the cereal.

Beef Takes a Drop.
Denver, Colo., Nov. 15.—The Thanksgiving turkey bird will be secured by Denver housewives this year from 3 to 5 cents a pound lower than last year. If she buys it in time. Retail markets say turkeys will retail Thanksgiving time at about 20 cents a pound, and chickens are 2 to 3 cents a pound lower. There is no reduction so far, however, in the price of beef and pork.

Pork Cheaper.
St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 15.—Retailers announced a reduction in pork of 3½ cents a pound today. Beef prices are unchanged, but a slump is predicted.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 15.—A reduction of 1 to 2 cents a pound in the retail price of cheaper grades of beef is announced here today.

"You may look for cheaper prices in all kinds of meat," said one of the leading dealers. "Fancy beef will next come down."

Chicago Prices Drop.
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15.—The prices of pork and beef are falling. Within the last week beef has declined 4 to 5 cents a pound by the packers. Pork has fallen about 3 cents from the price of 18 and 20 cents ruling a week ago, and wholesale dealers say that mutton, veal and other products will take a downward turn within a few days.

Decline in Omaha.
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 15.—All fresh fresh meats have dropped about 2 cents a pound in this market, and a further decline by January 1 of at least 5 cents on pork and almost as much in other fresh meats is predicted. Prices of cured meats are not materially changed.

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OFFICERS TAKE ACTION ON HERALD'S EVIDENCE

Monday morning The Herald furnished United States district attorney S. Engelking with information relative to the existence of the gambling machine in the Hub Bar and the use of trade checks at the place.

Immediately, deputy United States marshal H. R. Hillebrand and a Herald reporter went to the saloon and played the machine, securing five checks as a result.

County attorney W. W. Bridges was notified of the gambling machine by The Herald, and at 10:50 this morning he stated that he would immediately file a complaint.

MERCHANTS TO FIGHT KENO DETERMINEDLY

Determined to stamp out one of the worst of the gambling evils El Paso has to contend with, the Business Men's Protective association will establish a keno fund to fight the petty gambling across the river.

At its meeting of the association Monday evening the members pledged themselves to report the names of any El Pasoans seen gambling in the keno halls in Juarez. This information will be furnished the business agent of the

association, who furnishes it to employers.

The names of those reported to be gambling in the keno halls will also, whenever received, be sent to the merchants who are members of the association for their information in issuing credit.

At the meeting Monday W. S. Clayton was reelected president; Crawford Harvie, vice president; H. Y. Ellis, secretary; George Flory, treasurer, and J. G. Ingels, business agent.